



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

CSU Regular Council Meeting – Agenda

Wednesday, March 11th, 2015

VA-245, 18h30, S.G.W Campus

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Minutes – February 8th & March 5th Council Meetings
- b) Standing Committee Reports
- c) Chairperson’s Report
- d) Executive Reports
- e) Reports from University Bodies
- f) Positions Book

5. Presentations and Guest Speakers

6. Appointments

- a) Loyola Committee

7. Returning Business

8. New Business – Informational

- a) CUSACorp Report
- b) VP Loyola Report
- c) MSA Solidarity



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d) Daycare Project Coordinator

9. New Business – Substantive

10. Question Period & Business Arising

10. Announcements

11. Adjournment



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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is called to order at 18h42.

We would like to acknowledge that Concordia university is on the traditional territory of the Kanien'keha:ka (Ga-niyen-gé-haa-ga), a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations. Concordia recognizes, and respects the Kanien'keha:ka (Ga-niyen-gé-haa-ga) as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters on which we meet today.

2. ROLL CALL

Executives present for the duration of the meeting were *Charles Bourassa* (VP Student Life), *Jessica Cabana* (VP Sustainability), *Heather Nagy* (VP Finance), *Benjamin Prunty* (President), *Gabriel Velasco* (VP Loyola), and *Terry Wilkings* (VP Academic & Advocacy).

Executives absent for the duration of the meeting granted reprieve were *Katherine Bellini* (VP Clubs & Internal Affairs) and *Anthony Garoufalidis-Auger* (VP External Affairs & Mobilization).

Councillors present for the duration of the meeting were *Gemma Acco* (Arts & Science), *Jeremy Blinkhorn* (Fine Arts), *Marie Brière de la Hossieraye* (Independent), *Scott Carr* (JMSB), *Jenna Cocullo* (Arts & Science), *Emily Fisher* (Arts & Science), *Lucinda Marshall-Kisparissis* (Arts & Science), *Marion Miller* (Fine Arts), *Nicholaos Mouzourakis* (ENCS), *Angelica Novielli* (Arts & Science), *Matthew Palynchuk* (Arts & Science), *Marcus Peters* (Arts & Science), *Jason Poirier-Lavoie* (Arts & Science), *Thomas Radcliffe* (Arts & Science), *Michael Richardson* (JMSB), *John Talbot* (Arts & Science), *Taimur Tanoli* (JMSB), *James Tyler Vaccaro* (Arts & Science), *Chloë Williams* (Arts & Science), *Emma Wilson* (Fine Arts) and *Rami Yahia* (ENCS).

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting granted reprieve were *Faddy Kamel* (ENCS),.

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting not granted reprieve were *Caroline Messier-Gémes* (JMSB), *Terry Ngala* (Independent), *Vicky Rodgers* (JMSB) and *Jeremy Tessier* (Arts & Science).

Chair: There have been several requests for excusals – **Kate** is feeling ill, **Anthony** is dealing with the logistics for speakers tomorrow, **Marie** cannot be here due to scheduling conflict with a Loyola campus interview and **Faddy** is working with the Engineering & Computer Science Association (ECA) case competition.

Michael Richardson: Last Council meeting I was absent and that was because I was called into work at the last minute. I will speak for **Taimur** who was at a case competition last meeting, and I just want to throw that out there that we were not excused, yet **Anthony** and **Faddy** think they should be excused. If



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we excuse these two, I would like to consider the motion to retroactively excuse mine and **Taimur's** absences for same reasons.

Benjamin moves to excuse **Anthony Garoufalidis-Auger's** absence.
Seconded by **Terry Wilkings**.

Benjamin Prunty: We talked about this before, and we know how regrettable the absence is, but it is a logistical concern. The event is tomorrow and it is probably a good call that he did this.

Scott Carr: So we are saying that it is alright or not alright to miss a meeting for work concerns? This is work whether it is for the CSU or not.

Charles Bourassa: To **Scott**, I think that we should look at it on a case-by-case basis and not create a blanket policy.

Terry Wilkings: Just to echo what **Charles** was saying, it stipulates in the Standing Regulations that work is not included as a legitimate excuse in the Standing Regulations.

Benjamin Prunty: There is a difference between executives missing meetings for work and other people because it has to do with the CSU. The call here is whether we want to have an event less organized or not and I think that it is better to have more organized events.

Michael Richardson: While I respect what **Ben** is saying about case-by-case bases and the union versus non-union matters, that is very very unfair. I agree that it is better to have organized events, but the fact that **Anthony** works for the CSU and I work for a different organization should not merit the excusal of one versus the other, although I still think that **Anthony** should be excused.

VOTE

In favour: 6

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 9

Motion carries.

Michael Richardson moves to excuse all absences, omnibus.
Seconded by **Gemma Acco**.

Michael Richardson: The rest all have reasonable justifications as well.

Chloë Williams: I think that it is a bit strange to excuse **Faddy** for the same reason we did not excuse **Taimur**.

Nicholaos Mouzourakis: Speaking from someone in the co-op program, job interviews have extremely great importance.



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VOTE

In favour: 1
Opposed: 4
Abstentions: 12

Motion is defeated.

Michael Richardson moves to excuse **Kate's** absence.
Seconded by **Terry Wilkings**.

VOTE

In favour: 8
Opposed: 1
Abstentions: 8

Motion carries.

Nicholaos Mouzourakis moves to excuse **Marie**.
Seconded by **Chloë Williams**.

Scott Carr: It seems like quite a bit of nitpicking and it is strange that emergency cases with work seem to be okay. It all seems very strange and the fact that there are a lot of abstentions seems strange.

VOTE

In favour: 4
Opposed: 4
Abstentions: 8

Motion is defeated.

James Tyler Vaccaro moves to excuse **Faddy**.
Seconded by **Michael Richardson**.

VOTE

In favour: 6
Opposed: 4
Abstentions: 7

Motion carries.

Gemma Acco moves to excuse **Marie**.
Seconded by **Matthew Palynchuk**.

VOTE

In favour: 7



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Opposed: 4
Abstentions: 7

Motion carries.

Michael Richardson moves to retroactively excuse his own absence from the Regular Council meeting held on February 11th, 2015

Seconded by **Nicholaos Mouzourakis**.

Michael Richardson: I had to work on this date and we just excused someone who had to work and someone who had an interview. At the February 11th meeting **Anthony** was excused for “personal reasons,” but back to **Scott’s** point I do not like that we are picking and choosing, and subsequently I will ask the Policy Committee to revisit this given what has happened in the past year.

James Tyler Vaccaro: This went to the Policy Committee last year and the stipulations are clearly outlined. They are in the Standing Regulations, now Standing Regulation 82.

Benjamin Prunty: It may not be appropriate to talk about it, but we did follow up on the personal reasons cited by **Anthony** and they were legitimate.

VOTE

In favour: 11
Opposed: 1
Abstentions: 8

Motion carries.

Taimur Tanoli moves to excuse himself from the February 11th meeting for the same reasons we excused **Faddy** – because I was at a case competition as well.

Seconded by **Gemma Acco**.

James Tyler Vaccaro: Just to clarify, we can excuse an absence from the January Council meeting, in accordance with Standing Regulation 62.

VOTE

In favour: 12
Opposed: 2
Abstentions: 6

Motion carries.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Benjamin Prunty moves to remove 6. a) *Judicial Board Appointments* and place MSA Solidarity under 8. *New Business – Informational*, not 9. *New Business – Substantive*.



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James Tyler Vaccaro pulls *CUSACorp Report* and *VP Loyola Report* from 4. *Consent Agenda*, to be placed under into 8. *New Business – Informational*.

VOTE

In favour: 17

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1 (**Nicholaos**)

Motion carries.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of Minutes – February 8th & March 5th Council Meetings

Ratified by consent.

b) Standing Committee Reports

Ratified by consent.

c) Chairperson's Report

Ratified by consent.

d) Executive Reports

Ratified by consent.

e) Reports from University Bodies

Ratified by consent.

f) Positions Book

Ratified by consent.

5. PRESENTATIONS & GUEST SPEAKERS

No presentations or guest speakers at this meeting of Council.

6. APPOINTMENTS



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a) Loyola Committee

Gabriel Velasco: Are there are any councillors willing to sit on this committee? There is a seat available.

Angelica Novielli nominates **Jenna Cocullo**.

Jenna accepts.

Angelica Novielli: I feel she was doing a great job before and that she has the time now to devote to this, so maybe she would like to do it again for the last month.

Lucy Marshall-Kiparissis: She was great on the committee.

Jenna Cocullo: I left to make room for another councillor, but if no one wants it, I will take it back.

VOTE

In favour: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 3 (**Jenna, Nicholas, Taimur**)

Motion carries.

7. RETURNING BUSINESS

No informational returning business was discussed at this meeting of Council.

8. NEW BUSINESS – INFORMATIONAL

a) CUSACorp Report

James Tyler Vaccaro: I have some questions for the CUSA directors – are we are going to have a meeting? It is supposed to happen once a quarter?

Benjamin Prunty: Now that you have requested one, yes. There is very little going on, just business plans.

James Tyler Vaccaro: Have you received an outline of work to be done in the renovation space other than the cost?

Benjamin Prunty: I have not yet.

Heather Nagy: We are just about done with the plans, then it is going to tender. Whatever firm will take it on, we will have more explicit details later. It will be hard to know until the work starts and happens,



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Benjamin Prunty: I am meeting tomorrow with the university

James Tyler Vaccaro: The final discussion on the cost breakdown of each parties' obligations?

Benjamin Prunty: At the meeting tomorrow.

b) VP Loyola Report

James Tyler Vaccaro: About the Loyola office move, you mentioned it has not happened yet – I am a little concerned because plans were nearly complete near end of last year. What was the delay? Is it the preference of not removing ourselves from that space due to the university wanting to put in a Chartwells?

Gabriel Velasco: It has nothing to do with that - the construction team was having electrical problems they did not foresee. It could be done by the end of the month, by April. After having discussions with the Office Coordinator, it makes sense to do a launch in September rather than during final exams. It does not have to do with not wanting to move from the space. They will be doing construction anyway there in August.

c) MSA Solidarity

Benjamin Prunty: Basically we made a statement about what is going on with the TVA report and the way the Muslim Students' Association (MSA) was treated. It was very unprofessional and aggressive and it took a certain amount of pressure to bring the university to say these things publicly. This behaviour was pretty gross and it painted the MSA with a scary brush – there are 6 000 members of the MSA and this is happening at the same time as the reigning federal party is putting up quite a lot of material to encourage people to be afraid of this looming threat of terrorism from jihadi or something groups. The context we are in begs for groups like ours to speak out in support of groups like the MSA. We did this and I spoke with them. Originally they asked me not to make a public statement because this kind of attention affects their community. I wanted them to be leading the way, and told them that we would support them in any way they needed. Eventually I made a public statement because it became necessary, and I talked to them a good deal, and they thought our support was amazing which was pretty nice as they seemed quite vulnerable at first which is quite unfortunate. I spoke to the university, my team and other campus groups, and we issued a statement Facebook. If people think we should pursue additional action, I am am cautious though because the MSA just seems to want this to go away.

Marion Miller: I want to congratulate you on the quick response and getting in touch with them, this affect the community positively.

Taimur Tanoli: As someone who is a member of the MSA, congratulations on the fine job.

d) Daycare Project Coordinator



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Benjamin Prunty: We met with the university, Roger Côté and members of team. The gist of the meeting is that we are both waiting on each other. We are waiting on them to secure the lease for a space to continue applying for certification and subsidies, and they are waiting on us to show a certain level of commitment to it. The situation is that if they secure the space for us, then they will not have a tenant in that space, which could be a commercial space. This creates a sense of urgency to move on it. Even though we were not ready with the documentation, I told them that I would put a point on the agenda. We want to hire someone so we essentially need to put aside \$2 300, not including taxes, to produce the report that **Terry** will explain in more detail. We will need to prove that we have approved this expense. It shows the university that we are committed, and they are working with us on this.

Terry Wilkings moves that Council approves the expense of \$2 300 (before taxes), to be used with the purpose of hiring a project coordinator for the daycare initiative.

Seconded by **Marcus Peters**.

Terry Wilkings: **Ben** mentioned this was time-sensitive – the research we conducted in the fall which was approved by Council looked at general cases. We were in consultation with the SSMU for processes and legislative framework but now we are at a stage to look at Concordia’s specific situation. We have a thorough understanding of what our application will look like, we just need a project coordinator to remove speculation on the discussions we are having with the university. The work contract is divided into phases and what was mentioned in the first phase was to make contact with government agencies, to produce information for applications, and seek the potential to have further subsidies for renovations and construction work to bring everything up to code. The second phase is more the operational side of the daycare by making recommendations and following through with things like grants and subsidies. At this point I will return to Council with more information.

Benjamin Prunty moves to amend the motion to specify that the money is “to be taken out of the SSAELC fund”.

Seconded by **Terry Wilkings**.

Amendment is adopted via unanimous consent.

Scott: What is the hourly wage?

Terry Wilkings: It is \$75 per hour.

Benjamin Prunty: Essentially this person is a consultant. This is not a hiring process, it is someone who has been in a similar position for similar organization elsewhere. They are an expert and the hours are minimal. We pay \$100 per hour for consultants regularly.

VOTE

In favour: 17

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2 (**Scott, Nicholaos**)

Motion carries.



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9. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE

No substantive new business was discussed at this meeting of Council.

10. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

Jeremy Blinkhorn: About the poster policy with elections and the taking down of posters – within FASA a lot of people put up posters in the past two (2) days for end-of-year events and spent a lot of money on this. All of the ones in EV have been taken down and now there is no information on the location of our events. Does every billboard need to be reserved for elections?

Benjamin Prunty: Part of it is that the CEO is a bit new and expects there to be more space. Today there was a complaint made but afterwards one of our staff members asked to reserve boards for non-election things. I cannot speak to the process of clearing out all of the boards originally though. Maybe the CEO thought that was what he was supposed to do.

Jeremy Blinkhorn: The same thing happened last year.

Charles Bourassa: I spoke with the CEO before and he is taking roughly 25% of the posters down. I will send him an email to talk about the VA-building and I am sure that he will be understanding.

Taimur Tanoli: To the best of my knowledge, any councillor is allowed to sit in on any standing committee meeting, so I would like to formally request to be notified of Finance Committee meetings to sit in on.

Heather Nagy: I will get your email to do this.

James Tyler Vaccaro: Are the posters going to be reimbursed by the CSU? Do the students want them to be?

Jeremy Blinkhorn: I would be comfortable making a motion for this.

James Tyler Vaccaro moves that the CSU executive contact student groups who have had their posters removed with an offer to reimburse the printing costs of the posters.
Seconded by **John Talbot**.

James Tyler Vaccaro: Mandate the VP Student Life to do it.

Charles Bourassa: I am just thinking about how to contact people. I am just worried that I would not be able to contact everyone. If you can send them to me, I will get them reimbursed.

Benjamin Prunty: I would like to put a limit of \$75 for reimbursements.



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Terry Wilkings moves to amend that the CSU or **Charles** gets in contact with FASA concerning reimbursements. They are knowledgeable about who was affected.

Seconded by **Chloë Williams**.

Amendment is adopted via unanimous consent.

Jason Poirier-Lavoie: Did the motion stipulate that it needs to be substantiated with receipts?

James Tyler Vaccaro: It is understood – you cannot get money from the CSU without this.

Benjamin Prunty: We will execute this as appropriate.

Michael Richardson moves to amend the motion to specify that the reimbursements are for posters which were torn down to make room for CSU material.

Seconded by **Jeremy Blinkhorn**.

Terry Wilkings: From my understanding security takes down the posters.

Jeremy Blinkhorn: Is the \$75 per poster or per organization?

Charles Bourassa: I am just going to make good judgment calls and if someone is sketchy I will just not reimburse them. If someone is being real then I will.

Benjamin Prunty: There is a good chance we will just work with a parent organization, not small groups like ASFA for example. We will not just give money to individuals. There will be care taken.

Scott Carr: Since we have all of these lovely printers and quality, I amend the motion to stipulate that the CSU offers to make the next batch of posters.

Charles Bourassa: I will also make this offer to print posters in-house.

Amendment is adopted via unanimous consent.

VOTE

In favour: 19

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1 (**Nicholaos**)

Motion carries.

Michael Richardson: Do we have any updates in terms of dates Reggie's might open? Has that date been updated since last Council meeting?

Benjamin Prunty: I am still hopeful for September.



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11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rami Yahia: Today is the third day of Israeli apartheid week and next Monday we will be bringing two Israelis to speak – one soldier and one refusenik coming to Concordia on March 18th on the 7th floor of the Hall building at 18h00 to discuss the importance of boycotting from within and BDS. Also, there will be a question period open to everyone and you are welcome to learn more and learn the truth. We know from the CEO report that lies have been told.

James Tyler Vaccaro: On a considerably less academic note, one representative from ComsGuild asked me to throw out an offer for collaboration for an event called Raging Face. Basically it is a giant alcoholic's dream and takes place at Saint-Sulpice. If student associations have cash they want to contribute, it does not take very much and they can bring students out to drink.

John Talbot: I am helping organize it and if any of your networks get involved we can put your names on the back of a shirt. It is worth it and cool.

Jenna Cocullo: From March 12th to the 19th is FIFEQ, which is an ethnographic film festival. It is being held at Concordia, McGill and Université de Montréal.

John Talbot: On Saturday, March 14th the blocks of films are being shown at Concordia are about territorial exploitation and local resistance, and coping through art. On March 15th the theme is “the tension in daily life” and it will be really awesome. It is also free.

Charles Bourassa: Vandana Shiva will be speaking at the 2010 Center and we are looking for volunteers for doing crowd control and handing out flyers. It is free and the help would be appreciated.

John Talbot: There is a conference coming up through SASU and the sociology graduate students called “Hope, Freedom and Responsibility”. It runs from March 19th to the 21st and the honours students will be presenting their theses. Charmaine A. Nelson and Ph.D researchers will be presenting. There will be wine and cheese as well.

Jason Poirier-Lavoie: My fraternity TKE is having a glow in the dark party at Lux Lounge. It is \$50 at door with a drink on the way in.

Lucy Marshall-Kiparissis: Although the schedule is not out yet, on March 21st and 22nd, through QPRIG McGill and Concordia's Study in Action, there will be a conference with papers and presentations on social justice issues.

Scott Carr: Congratulations to Michael for winning gold at the John Molson Undergraduate Case Competition (JMUCC). There were twenty (20) from schools across the world there and JMSB won first.

Nicholaos Mouzourakis: I would like to congratulate him as well for winning the “CEO For a Day” challenge



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James Tyler Vaccaro: Congratulations to this Council on being very nice and chill and relaxed during an election campaign, because historically they are horrendous.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Marcus Peters moves to adjourn.
Seconded by **Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis**.

VOTE

In favour: 19
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 1

Motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned at 19h39.



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Summary of Motions Carried

2. ROLL CALL

A motion was carried to excuse Anthony Garoufalis-Auger's absence.

– *Benjamin Prunty (Terry Wilkings)*

A motion was carried to excuse Katherine Bellini's absence.

– *Michael Richardson (Terry Wilkings)*

A motion was carried to excuse Faddy Kamel's absence.

– *James Tyler Vaccaro (Michael Richardson)*

A motion was carried to excuse Marie Brière de la Hossieraye's absence.

– *Gemma Acco (Matthew Palynchuk)*

A motion was carried to retroactively excuse Michael Richardson's absence from the Regular Council meeting held on February 11th, 2015.

– *Michael Richardson (Nicholaos Mouzourakis)*

A motion was carried to retroactively excuse Taimur Tanoli's absence from the Regular Council meeting held on February 11th, 2015.

– *Taimur Tanoli (Gemma Acco)*

6. APPOINTMENTS

a) Loyola Committee

Following a vote by roll call, Jenna Cocullo is appointed to the Loyola Committee.

8. NEW BUSINESS – INFORMATIONAL

d) Daycare Project Coordinator

A motion was carried to approve the expense of \$2 300 (before taxes), to be used with the purpose of hiring a project coordinator for the daycare initiative, to be taken out of the SSAELC fund.

– *Terry Wilkings (Marcus Peters)*



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10. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

The following motion was carried:

BIRT the CSU executive contact student groups who have had their posters removed with an offer to reimburse the printing costs of the posters.

BIFRT the CSU or the VP Student Life get into contact with FASA concerning reimbursements.

BIFRT the CSU extends an offer to print these groups' next batch of posters.

– James Tyler Vaccaro (John Talbot)